

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/817,153
Attorney Docket No. Q80941

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 7-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Ahne et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,637,853). Applicant respectfully traverses the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of the claims as set forth below.

Of the rejected claims, claims 1 and 8-11 are the independent claims. The following remarks are for independent claim 1, but apply by analogy to the other independent claims.

Claim 1 requires

a step of moving said print head to a position that is apart by a second set amount from said position of the edge that has been detected and printing a second reference pattern after the step of detecting the position of the edge

Ahne fails to teach or suggest printing a second reference pattern after the step of detecting the position of the edge, as recited in claim 1.

In Ahne, the whole test pattern 6, which includes the start bar 10 and the test images 12, is printed before the sensor 16 detects the edge of the medium 8 (column 6, lines 11-34). Consequently, Ahne does not anticipate the above-identified feature.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Ahne. Similar to, although not necessarily coextensive to, reasons for patentability of claim 1, independent claims 8-11 are

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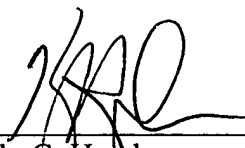
patentable too. Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of claims 1 and 7-12 should be withdrawn.

Claim 12 has been allowed, and claims 2 and 4-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant has not amended the objected to claims, and believes this response places the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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